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ROSS HALLETT

Ross's family arrived in North America on one of the three trips of the May Flower. Ross spent his youth in Vancouver and Edmonton. His first career was as a telephone Engineering Associate followed by career in the insurance and financial services industry. He has earned the designations: CHS, CPCA, CDFA. He qualified MDRT numerous times and is was charter member of CALU

Ross was a Cub Scout and a Boy Scout in Edmonton. Subsequently becoming a leader: Pack Scouter, Troop Scouter, District Commissioner, Assistant Regional Commissioner Northern Region. He has earned the three Wood Badges: Pack, Troop, Rover and was awarded the Medal of Merit. A number of years he spent teaching archery to boy scouts, to Boy Scout leaders and the Girl Guide leaders

Ross has been a member of Rotary since 1983 belonging to the Oil Sands Rotary Club, the Fort McMurray Rotary Club, the Edmonton West Rotary Club and the Edmonton Gateway Rotary Club. In 2009 World President Brian Thiessen got Ross involved in the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians.



DAVID BARTON

Joined: May 1986 **Position:** Bulletin Editor **Company:** Calnan Property **Classification:** Construction Management **Business Thumbnail:** David was registered as a Builder in 1975 after completing a cadetship in building with the family building firm and his diploma in Building. David Formed Southdown Construction in 1978 and operated in the commercial Construction Field until 2007. Currently a Director of Calnan Property P/L, Moreau Investments P/L, Settlement 22 Ltd, Tessera Pty Ltd, Applecross Psychological Services P/L, he is still active and in the process of setting up a new business to compliment Calnan Property.

Rotary Thumbnail: Invited to join the Rotary Club of Melville in 1985 after becoming a City of Melville Councilor and not being able to attend Apex meetings. Having served in all or most of the Avenues of Service elected President in 1991- 92. Has Served as District Vocational Chairman, RAWCS Western Region Chair, RAWCS Ltd Director, District secretary, District Conference Chair, Director ARCAP, District Foundation Chair, District Finance Director, District Trainer, Zone Institute Committee and many others. Currently chairing the Rotary Club of Melville SoPYC Grand Sponsor Committee responsible for establishing disability(Sailability) sailing at South of Perth Yacht Club. Chairman of GYE RCs Melville(WA) & Austin(Texas) Steering Committee and Asia Pacific regional Chairman International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians. He was elected District Governor for the Rotary District 9460 in 2002-2003

Family: David is married to PDG Marilyn, a Clinical Psychologist, a Member of the Rotary Club of Booragoon. President Booragoon in 2005-6 and District Governor District 9465 2010-11 David and Marilyn have Four adult children, Sally, James, Wendy and Steven and Two grandchildren. Wendy is a member of RC Canning Bridge and Steven has just moved to Texas and is transferring from RC Booragoon to RC Austin **Hobbies:** Family, Travel, Rotary, Sailing, Power boating and having Fun **Football Team :** All West Australian Teams

IFSR HISTORY MOMENT....2007 CENTENNIAL WORLD JAMBOREE !

Our Rotary Scouting Fellowship made a large impact at the 2007 World Jamboree in England with a large tent for a display to greet Rotarians from around the Scouting globe and to introduce Scouts and Scouters to what is Rotary. [Past IFSR Chair David Judge and wife Christine made all arrangements for the IFSR Exhibit and staffing it – staff included Past IFSR Chair Bud Allison as well.](#) [Current IFSR Chair Brian Thiessen also helped](#) sign up many new members and converted many to be a Life Member by the time they left the tent.

Each visitor was invited to fill out information that made a link to a Jamboree Paper Chain that snaked through the tent roof. On the last Jambo day the chain was stretched out to be over 450 yards, over 1/4 mile long! Prince William passed by our tent, with a large entourage (mainly females), and all Scouts were provided with a Rotary Scouting Centennial postcard that featured a B-P drawing and that was mailed around the world.

English Scouting Rotarians, [including current IFSR in RIBI Chair Colin Jones](#), helped man the tent throughout the Jamboree, assisting the Rotary staff members from the Boy Scouts of America serving on the International Service Team (nicknamed with a patch that week as the International Slavery Team). A highlight was a Grand Rotary Dinner with the Mayor of Chelmsford, and the IFSR meeting at the tent.

[Get ready for Japan in 2015 !](#)

Dan Miller, IFSR Historian



ROTARY FELLOWSHIP CORNER

Were you involved in Scouting as a youth or do you have a son that is currently in the Scouting program? If so, there is a Rotary Fellowship for you, The International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians. IFSR is an international group of Rotarians that are also involved in the scouting program at the local, national, and international levels. Membership dues are \$35.00 for new members and include the IFSR pin. If you are interested in joining the IFSR see the application on the last page of this newsletter. Membership in the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians is open to any Rotaractor or Rotarian, in any country, who was formerly or is presently a member of any (girl or boy) Scout or Guide Association. Spouses of members and Rotaractors may become members.

The principles and goals of Rotary, Scouting and guiding are closely aligned. Character-building; service to country, to others, and to self; teaching leadership skills; and becoming aware of the world around us-these are all incorporated into the programs and activities of each organization. The values expressed in Rotary International's Motto and the Four Way Test greatly parallel those articulated in the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan.

In addition, all local Scouting Councils are working to find former scouts that are not connected and involved with the local Scouting movement. If you are former scout alumni, it is time for you to reconnect with the scouting program and re-engage in scouting.

If you would like to have more information on the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians (IFSR), please contact any of us at this Newsletter.

William Litton

District 6980 Rotary International Fellowship Chair and Florida State Chair of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians

SCOUTING ROTARIANS IN CALIFORNIA BUILD "MODELS" FOR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER DIASTER RELIEF AND PREPAREDNESS

Editors Note: The following article is a great one showing what Nathan and his associates are doing in Southern California. We could not include all of it, what they are doing is so good that I did include Nathan's contact information so that any of you can contact him for information on how you might duplicate their efforts in your own areas. Thanks Nathan!

For every \$1 invested in Preparedness today, there is a \$4 to \$11 in Disaster Response, Relief, and Recovery – Harvard Review

My name is Nathan Wolfstein and I am an IFSR Life Member, living in California. I am writing to you regarding how Rotary is working to help our Families, Neighbors and Communities to 'Be More Prepared To Move Quickly' before, during and after a disaster with Community Volunteer Disaster Preparedness, Training & Relief (DPTR) Programs, Trainings and Events.

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A Call to Share

To all IFSR members, A CALL TO SHARE. We are always looking for stories describing how Rotary and Scouting work together to positively impact the lives of youth. Please continue to send us your examples. Please share your stories by sending them to our IFSR Newsletter editor, Steve Kesler, at keslergroup@gmail.com.



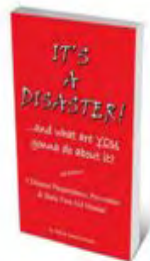
I am actively involved with Rotary, Scouting, LAFD CERT and The Salvation Army (ARC and Emergency & Disaster Services) in developing Private & Public Sector Community Preparedness Partnerships to help our communities to 'Be More Prepared To Move Quickly'.

The 3rd Annual Rotary Community Hospitals & AYSO (Youth Sports) Blood Drive 2011

www.RotaryGivesBlood.org

This year, we collected 427 pints of blood and 50 Bone Marrow Donor Registrations ... in one day! In 2009 and 2010, we collected 168 and 400 pints, respectively. Did you know that a pint of blood averages \$300? By working with AYSO and Community Hospitals, the Rotary Club of Granada Hills has created A Blood Drive Model that really works. The goal is expand this Blood Drive Model with other Rotary Clubs & Districts and add a 'Hands On' Disaster Preparedness Fair.

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The 4th Annual Great California ShakeOut 2011

www.ShakeOut.org and www.ShakeOutShop.com

Over 8.6 million Californians registered to participate on 10-20 at 10:20 AM in this annual Earthquake Preparedness 'Drop, Cover and Hold On' Drill.

The 4th Annual Neighborhood Councils Community Disaster Preparedness & VPREP Fairs 2011

Over 400 attended this event, highlighting Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness at LAFD Station 87, sponsored by nine (9) Neighborhood Councils and City of Los Angeles Councilmember Mitch Englander.





The 6th Annual Cahuenga District WLACC BSA Camporee/Cuboree 2012 with Eagle ScoutParents ESP Hands On Preparedness Training

<http://cahuenga.bsa-la.org/camporee.html>

Preparing for our annual Camporee is now a year-long project. Between 500 and 900 Scouts, ScoutParents, Eagle ScoutParents, Venturing Crews, Scouting Rotarians and Professional First Responders come together for a weekend of 'Priceless Scouting Experiences' with Hands On Emergency & Disaster Preparedness Training on the Tejon Ranch.

"Individualized" 'Be MorePrepared' It's A Disaster! Programs

www.BeMorePrepared.org

Looking forward to hearing from you and further discussions on working together in the development and implementation of a Rotary Community Volunteer Disaster Preparedness, Training & Relief (DPTR) for Your Rotary Club and District.

Nathan Wolfstein



All Members of IFSR—Current email address needed

For budget and communication reasons, it is important that we have your latest email address. Some of our communications lately have bounced back due to incorrect or outdated email addresses. Please send us your latest contact information-especially if you have not received information from us lately. You may email your information to us at ifsr@cox.net



SHELTERBOX AND THREE FIRES CAMPERALL



Providing shelter, warmth and dignity to disaster survivors worldwide. On October 14-16th, more than 4,000 Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and volunteers of all ages attended the first ever ShelterBox and Three Fires Camperall held at the Sandwich Fairgrounds in Sandwich Illinois. The weekend event included ShelterBox activities that were both fun and educational for the Scouts to experience; they stressed some of the skills and abilities that ShelterBox Response Team members need to function in the field. In addition to the scouts, more than 70 Rotarians and volunteers from the area participated in the event, running the activities and talking with the Scouts about ShelterBox.

"On behalf of the Three Fires Council, Boy Scouts of America, I would like to thank ShelterBox for participating with us to hold the 'Prepared for Life/ShelterBox Camperall,'" said Matthew Ackerman, President/Scout Executive for Three Fires Council. "I believe we created great awareness and support for the work of both of our groups, thank you!"

According to Mark Dyer, ShelterBox Response Team member and Scouting Coordinator, "The Camperall went great, these

scouts were really impressed with the mission of ShelterBox and many of them have already expressed interest in getting involved, sponsoring a box and making a difference. There isn't a Scout or adult leader who didn't know about the ShelterBox mission by the time the Camperall ended. We were thrilled to be part of their weekend experience."

If your district or council is interested in doing a ShelterBox themed event, please contact us at scouts@shelterboxusa.org.

Alan Monroe

ShelterBox USA | Volunteer & Youth Program Manager



Exhibit Booth Information

Editors Note: One of the main reasons for these booths is to let the District Governors and Club Presidents know that IFSR exists and what it does. Many folks will take applications back to give to Scouting Rotarians they know in their home district's clubs. Representing IFSR at a PETS conference, will help anyone appreciate their value. Your volunteering to help us is critical to the growth of IFSR. That is why I have included so much information here.

Booth 2012

Booth 2012" is a chronological list of those Multi-District President-Elect Training Seminars that have a Booth Captain provided by IFSR's State

IFSR booth	2012 dates	PETS NAME	HOTEL	CITY
Doug McDonald	February 24-26	SoCalif/Nevada	LAX Marriott	Los Angeles, CA
Russ Lloyd	March 1-3	Chesapeake	Marriott Westfields	Chantilly, VA
Slate Altenburg	March 1-3	Mid-Atlantic	Valley Forge Radisson	King of Prussia, PA
Doug McDonald	March 2-4	Far West	Doubletree	San Jose, CA
Bill Litton	March 2-3	Florida	Buena Vista Palace	Orlando, FL
Steve Henning	March 2-3	Western Pennsylvania	Marriott Pittsburgh-North	Cranberry Township, PA
Jack Young	March 9-11	All Ohio	The Renaissance	Columbus, OH
Dan O'Brien	March 9-10	Land of Lincoln	Keller Convention Ctr	Effingham, IL
vacant	March 9-11	Midwest	Westin Chicago Northwest	Itasca, IL
Jim Giffin	March 22-25	Lone Star	DFW Hyatt Regency	Dallas, TX
Geoffrey Garlick	March 23-24	Mid-Northeast	Hanover Marriott Hotel	Whippany, NJ

Other 2012

"Other 2012" lists the rest of the large Multi-District PETS that currently have no volunteer to serve as IFSR booth captain. Volunteers are needed.

2012 dates	PETS NAME	HOTEL	CITY
February 24-26	High Country	Marriott Denver Tech Center	Denver, CO
March 1-3	North Central	Mayo Civic Center	Rochester, MN
March 2-3	Arizona TriDistrict	Hilton Phoenix East	Mesa, AZ
March 2-4	South Pacific	Waipuna Lodge	Auckland, NZ
March 8-10	Northeast	Sheraton	Framingham, MA
March 9-10	Empire State	Doubletree Hotel	Syracuse, NY
March 9-11	Midwest	Westin Chicago Northwest	Itasca, IL
March 9-11	Pacific Northwest	Doubletree Hotel	Seattle, WA
March 15-17	Carolinas	Sheraton Four Seasons	Greensboro, NC
March 15-17	Great Lakes	Radisson Plaza Hotel	Kalamazoo, MI
March 16-18	Greater NY - Bermuda	Islandia Marriott	Islandia, NY
March 16-17	Mid-America	Holiday Inn Fort Smith Ctr	Fort Smith, AR
March 17-18	Peach State	Renaissance Concourse Airport H	Atlanta, GA
March 22-23	Hoosier	French Lick Resort	French Lick, IN
March 22-25	Mid-South	Sheraton Music City Hotel	Nashville, TN
March 23-24	Show Me Rotary	Capitol Plaza Hotel	Jefferson City, MO
March 24-25	RIBI Assembly	Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hot	Birmingham, UK
April 12-14	Heartland	Salina Bicentennial Center	Salina, KS

To become a volunteer - contact State Section Chairman Jack Mayo or Interamerican Region Chairman Phil Pfeffer

Exhibit Booth Information

An IFSR Booth/Exhibit at a Conference or Zone Institute or Convention and at a Scouting Conference/Jamboree/Camporee has several significant goals that the Booth Helpers are to achieve:

* IFSR Past, Present and Future. Acquaint Rotarians with the historic connection of Scouting and Guiding with Rotary all over the world – and thus urge them to have their own Rotary Clubs in their own Districts establish strong linkage with the Scouting and Guiding organizations where they live – providing leadership in the Scouting/Guiding units, helping them with their advancement, helping build camps and facilities, working with Rotary Clubs on joint projects of youth and Rotary adults – and inviting Scouting youth to be involved in Interact and Rotaract.

* Recruiting new IFSR members. Recruit Rotarians who are active in Scouting/Guiding to join IFSR and strengthen our Fellowship around the world - and particularly in their own Districts/Zones/nations. And to wear proudly the IFSR insignia pins, ties, neckerchiefs, scarves to help make others aware of our organization. Without constant infusion of new IFSR members our organization will not be able to achieve its objectives so each person staffing a booth should earnestly and respectfully urge Rotarians to become annual (\$35 to join; \$25 per year thereafter) or Life (\$275) members. Annual members receive the IFSR pin; Life members receive the pin plus a necktie or scarf or neckerchief.

* Recognitions. Acquaint Rotarians with the Recognitions available through IFSR

+ Scouts/Guides - develop an IFSR recognition certificate in each country - for local clubs to be able to honor young men and women who achieve the highest recognitions in their national Scout Organizations.

+ Adults – the Cliff Dochterman Award that can be presented at District Conferences or other significant Rotary events by the District Governors or their assistants - to Rotarians who are actively involved in Scouting/Guiding and Rotary.

^ Setting up the Exhibit booth. The location of the Exhibit booth area is typically in the House of Friendship or nearby at a Rotary event, and is available for set up a couple of hours before the area opens for visitors. We need at a minimum one display table and two chairs, plus wall space to display our IFSR banner. Sometimes one must bring table covering and always we need two sided tape, scissors, some clips, sometimes staplers, etc.

IFSR flyers, certificates, the large IFSR banner, samples of neckties/scarves/neckerchiefs will be sent to the location or brought with one of the members. Local Scout units may want to have a flyer or information material also.

The IFSR Exhibit is open for a large part of each day (8 am to 5 pm - hours vary). It is important to try to have enough staff to allow IFSR booth helpers to work a 2 hour shift, then off for an hour or so, then resume - to keep rested and refreshed.

IFSR flyers are available in English and Spanish at this time (working on other languages) - IFSR information flyer which contains a membership application.

~ Avenues of Service flyer which gives examples of joint Rotary and Scouting/Guiding projects that any Rotary Club can use to provide active Scouting support of Rotary and Rotary support of Scouting.

The materials (Newsletters, Dochterman Award applications, etc.) are invitingly displayed so that Rotarians going by can see what the booth is about and feel welcome to take materials, ask questions. **Materials should include an IFSR Roster for Rotarians to check and see if they know anyone who is a member.**

At each Booth/Exhibit we typically also have order forms so that IFSR members can order additional pins, neckties, neckerchiefs and or scarves. Our Executive Secretary will ship these to the individual after the event.

^ Staffing during the Convention/Conference/Institute/Jamboree.

Your service as an Exhibit Booth IFSR member is the most essential thing you can do in IFSR – informing Rotarians about our purpose and recruiting new members to our organization.

What do Exhibit booth IFSR members wear? Scouting uniforms are always appropriate; at least a Scouting polo shirt or T shirt and neckerchief are helpful to visually create the bridge if one is instead wearing ‘business casual’ Rotary attire.

It is vital to remember that we are there to sell IFSR to the visitors. We need to generally be on our feet and inviting those coming by to look at the booth materials and answer any questions they have. We need to show personal attention to them - welcome them and make them glad they stopped by the IFSR exhibit. Ask if their Rotary Club is involved yet in supporting Scouting/Guiding? Ask if they are personally involved in Scouting/Guiding? Were they as a youth? Are their children involved? What Rotarians in their Clubs are involved? Does the Club do any joint projects with Scouts or Guides? Do they know other Rotarians who are involved with Scouting/Guiding? Do they know about the Cliff Dochterman Award to recognize Rotarians who are involved?

Remind them of the types of things Rotary Clubs can do with local Scouting units (Avenues of Service flyer). And how Interact and Scouting/Guiding are not in competition – youth can cross register and use Scouting activities to add to their Interact activities - particularly in school break times when Interact often goes dormant for lack of something to do. Show them our Scouting Rotarian newsletter.

IFSR does not “do” projects; we want our members to spend their time and energies supporting local Scouting/Guiding and Rotary projects. Our Scouting Rotarian newsletter may have projects in it which a local Rotary Club or Scout/Guide unit invites others to participate but what we ‘do’ is encourage every Rotary Club to work with local Scout/Guide units to improve their communities, nation, or the world.

Sincerely invite the person to join you and become a member of our worldwide IFSR fellowship - to help promote the Scouting/Guiding and Rotary partnership. We need them and their ideas to strengthen IFSR. Don’t be discouraged by an initial hesitancy – talk more about how vital this linkage is to the peaceful future of our world and they need to be part of that.

Annual membership is \$35 to join and \$25 each year thereafter. Or save money and time and join for life for only \$275 (payment by credit card is preferred). Invite them to consider becoming active in IFSR - as a Rotary District Coordinator (to expand membership within their District) or IFSR spokesman for their community. Invite them to sit in one of the chairs to fill out the membership application. For those who join, give them their IFSR pin and take their picture (their camera or yours) next to our IFSR banner - get a copy for our Newsletter! Life members will be sent the tie/neckerchief or scarf by our Executive Secretary afterwards. And explain they will receive the Scouting Rotarian by email so we need to be sure we are kept up to date on all email changes.

If the person is already a member, have her/him check our Roster to make sure the contact information, and the email address, is correct.

At Scouting Conferences/Conventions it is important to alert Scouts and Scouters of the opportunities in Rotary for youth (Interact and Rotaract) and adults (Rotary Club membership, Peace and Conflict Fellowships, Ambassador scholarships). We can try to match up an interested Scouter with a Rotsry Club in her/his geographical area.

Pins and other items are only available to IFSR members. If they wish to order any item have them either complete the order forms provided or go to our web site and order them.

^ Local Scouters/Guiders. We also encourage participation in our booth by one or more representatives of the local Scouting/Guiding organizations of the state or country of that venue - making the Exhibit/Booth even more interesting to Rotarians in attendance. Be sure they are familiar with this Exhibit Booth information before they staff the exhibit, however, so they too can answer visitors' information.

After the Exhibit closes. The Exhibit booth must then be disassembled. With a couple of exceptions the materials left over may continue to be used by local IFSR members to promote IFSR at District Conferences and with other clubs in their communities.

The exceptions which must be shipped back to our Executive Secretary are

- * the large IFSR banner which is needed for use at other upcoming events.
- * The Cliff Dochterman award ribbon and sample certificate
- * Neckerchiefs, ties, scarves

Whereas it may take a couple of hours to set up the exhibit in an attractive manner, the take down (including preparation for shipping) usually takes no more than half an hour.

Membership application forms and money received must be immediately sent to the Executive Secretary so the new members may be quickly processed and receive our IFSR Scouting Rotarian and other information periodically sent. Remember the credit card information on the applications is confidential and must be carefully protected from unauthorized eyes

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